

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### October 5, Saturday, Field Trip to Point Diablo; Dr. Monte Kirven, Leader

This is the month for migrating hawks over the Golden Gate Headlands...and assorted landbirds which funnel into these hills just west of Sausalito. Dr. Kirven is a biologist with Bureau of Land Management. We will carpool from Bailey Field Parking Lot, SRJC, at 9 A.M. Others can meet the group at Point Diablo at the first gun bunker at 10 A.M. To get there, take the last Sausalito Exit, just before crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, and head up the hill just west of Hwy 101. The gun bunkers are at the top of the rise. Parking is available at the first one on the left. In case the weather looks bad, call Monte Kirven Friday evening at 542-7512; he might reschedule for Sunday.

### October 6, Sunday, Pelagic Trip to Cordell Banks

This trip will be led by Jules Evens, Kurt F. Campbell and Roger Marlowe. The "Stardust" will leave Bodega Harbor at 7:30 A.M. to explore the Banks and the adjacent continental shelf for seabirds, whales and dolphins. Many unusual species can be expected this time of year. Spaces are \$33 each. For reservations and further information, call Kurt Campbell at (707) 795-8492. Checks should be sent to him at PO Box 268, Cotati, CA 94928. Please include phone number.

Another pelagic trip this Fall is scheduled for November 3, according to Richard Merriss, Field Trips Chairman. Please check with Kurt Campbell at the above phone number for details.

### October 10, Thursday, 7:30 P.M., General Meeting

Ruth Rudesill will share with us her summer trip to Michigan. Her excellent slides of "Birds of Michigan" will be presented at our usual meeting room in Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University.

### October 13, Sunday, Monterey Bay Pelagic Trip

An RROS excursion has been arranged with Debbie Shearwater Boat Trips, to explore the waters over the Monterey Canyon. The fee is \$33. For more information, please call Richard Merriss, 525-8629. Checks should be made out to Debbie Shearwater and sent to PO Box 7440, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Pelagic birds over the Monterey Canyon in the Fall are in quantity and often unusual...a rare birding experience!

DUES OVERDUE!

Those members whose dues were not paid as of 9/13/85 have a "Notice from the Treasurer" enclosed with this month's KITE TALES. Dues are: \$7 for a Family; \$5.50 for Individuals; and \$3 for Students. Please mail checks, made out to R.R.O.S., to the Treasurer, Don Johnston, 475 Vine Ave., Sebastopol 95472, in order to keep your KITE TALES coming.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Point Reyes, September 15 - Doug Ellis, Leader

A clear, sunny day that started at the Fish Docks produced a few good vagrants for a dozen birders. They spent about an hour at the new willows watching an American Redstart, some immature Yellow Warblers, an immature Black-throated Gray Warbler (whose throat was still white!), a Western Flycatcher and a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. A family of three Great Horned Owls observed the birders from the cypress above the Fish Docks. Over at the Spaletta Ranch were a Solitary Sandpiper, a Baird's Sandpiper, some Pectoral Sandpipers, and a Buff-breasted Sandpiper...and a grazing flock of Whimbrels with a couple of Long-billed Curlews...also a pair of Lesser Yellowlegs at the stock pond.

The complete list: Common Loon, Western Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Canada Goose, Mallard, Surf Scoter, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Osprey, American Kestrel, California Quail, Killdeer, Long-billed Curlew, Whimbrel, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Heermann's Gull, Rock Dove, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Downy woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Violet-green Swallow, Barn Swallow, Common Raven, Common Crow, Brown Creeper, Western Bluebird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, American Redstart, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Savannah Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS FOLLOW-UP

A group met at the home of Bob and Bertha Rains on September 19 to initiate plans for a Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas. They elected Betty Burrige as Chairman of the project. All agreed that the work of the Atlas should be broad-based, involving as many other organizations and individuals as would be interested. The area to be covered and the time limit will be determined at a later meeting, to be announced.

OBSERVATIONS - Hal Corey (542-8429)

8/25-Bodega Bay, "Tilt City": Pyomy Nuthatch, Ash-throated Flycatcher,  
3 Willow Flycatchers, 8/28-Western Kingbird (Yard Bird #118). 8/29-Doran  
Pond: American Avocet (N.C.) 9/8-Hole-in-the-Head: Eastern Kingbird (Jim S.)  
9/9-Bodega Bay: 2 White Pelicans, 4 Pintail, 1 Northern Shoveler, Osprey,  
2 Greater Yellowlegs (H. & O.C.)

9/15-Pt. Reyes: Small day for vagrant warblers but big day for Scolopacidae!  
Spaletta Ranch stock ponds: 1 Solitary Sandpiper (Life Bird for several ob-  
servers), 1 Baird's Sandpiper, 6 Pectoral Sandpipers. In plateau area nearby:  
2 Buff-breasted Sandpipers, 2 Long-billed Curlew, 12 Whimbrel. New willows:  
American Redstart, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Blue-gray  
Gnatcatcher (D.E., P.B., H.&O.C., D.H., R.M., A.N., B.&B.R., R.R., J.S., J.T.,  
C.W.)

9/16-Yosemite, McGurk Meadow: Great Gray Owl. Bridal Veil CG: Black-backed  
Woodpecker (T.&L.B.)

9/18-Bodega Bay, Owl Canyon: American Redstart. Doran Park: Red-necked  
Phalaropes (D.E.)

9/19-Near Goat Rock: 100 Western Grebe. Duncan's Landing: Whimbrels and  
Surfbirds. Salmon Creek: Pectoral Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalaropes. One-  
half mile north of Horseshoe Cove: 2 Marbled Murrelets. Bodega Harbor:  
Elegant Terns, 2 Red-throated Loon, 3 Horned Grebe. Spud Point: 3 Least  
Tern. Sewer Pond: 1 Canada Goose (J.T.)

9/19-Wikiup: White-crowned Sparrow. 9/20-Pt. Reyes, Fish Docks: Bobolink,  
Black-and-White Warbler. 9/21-Golden-crowned Sparrow, 8 Cedar Waxwings at  
Wikiup (B.&B.R.)

SEND IN YOUR OBSERVATIONS! WE NEED MORE OBSERVERS!

Observers: Terry & Lee Babineaux, Phil Burton, Nancy Conzett, Hal & Olive  
Corey, Doug Ellis, Deyea Harper, Richard Merriss, Adeene Nelligan, Bob &  
Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Jean Smith, Jim Steele (guest from Scotland),  
Jack Troutfetter, Clarence Wolcott.

Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

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